IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA WESTERN DIVISION No. 5:15-HC-2223-BO

MICHAEL LINK BEARFIELD,)
Petitioner,)
v.	ORDER
CARLTON JOYNER, Warden.)
Respondent.	.)

On April 12, 2016, Magistrate Judge Numbers issued a Memorandum and Recommendation ("M&R") [D.E. 6]. In the M&R Judge Numbers recommended that petitioner's petition for writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 be dismissed without prejudice as untimely. See id. Neither party objected to the M&R.

"The Federal Magistrates Act requires a district court to make a de novo determination of those portions of the magistrate judge's report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made." <u>Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co.</u>, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (alteration, emphasis, and quotation omitted). Absent a timely objection, "a district court need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation." <u>Id.</u> (quotation omitted).

The court has reviewed the M&R, the record, and the pleadings. The court is satisfied that there is no clear error on the face of the record. Accordingly, the court adopts the conclusions in the M&R. The court DENIES a certificate of appealability. See 28 U.S.C. § 2254(c); Miller-El v.

Cockrell, 537 U.S. 322, 336–38 (2003); Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000). The clerk shall close the case.

SO ORDERED. This <u></u> day of May 2016.

TERRENCE W. BOYLE

United States District Judge